

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Right  
5 to Breastfeed Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The General Assembly finds that breast  
7 milk offers better nutrition, immunity, and digestion, and may  
8 raise a baby's IQ, and that breastfeeding offers other benefits  
9 such as improved mother-baby bonding, and its encouragement has  
10 been established as a major goal of this decade by the World  
11 Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund. The  
12 General Assembly finds and declares that the Surgeon General of  
13 the United States recommends that babies be fed breastmilk,  
14 unless medically contraindicated, in order to attain an optimal  
15 healthy start.

16 Section 10. Breastfeeding Location. A mother may  
17 breastfeed her baby in any location, public or private, where  
18 the mother is otherwise authorized to be, irrespective of  
19 whether the nipple of the mother's breast is uncovered during  
20 or incidental to the breastfeeding; however, a mother  
21 considering whether to breastfeed her baby in a place of  
22 worship shall comport her behavior with the norms appropriate  
23 in that place of worship.

24 Section 15. Private right of action. A woman who has been  
25 denied the right to breastfeed by the owner or manager of a  
26 public or private location, other than a private residence or  
27 place of worship, may bring an action to enjoin future denials  
28 of the right to breastfeed. If the woman prevails in her suit,  
29 she shall be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable  
30 expenses of litigation.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.